

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is in response to the Advisory Action dated March 1, 2006 and the Final Office Action dated January 17, 2006, wherein the Examiner:

(i) rejected claims 16, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daniels et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0083794) ("Daniels") in view of Deutsch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,054,461) ("Deutsch"),

(ii) indicated that claims 2-9, 11-14 and 20 are allowed, and

(iii) objected to claims 17 and 20 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the Advisory Action and the outstanding Final Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Final Office Action and, when coupled with the amendments made herein, are believed to render all claims at issue patentably distinguishable over the cited references. All of the changes are made for clarification and are based on the application and drawings as originally filed. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

Applicants reiterate that the claims as presented in their November 8, 2005 Amendment and Response and their February 13, 2006 Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action are allowable over the prior art. Nonetheless, Applicants have rewritten claim 17 to be in independent form, canceled claim 18 and amended claims 16 and 19 to depend from allowable independent claim 17 in order to obtain a Notice of Allowance. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 2-9, 11-14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

Entry of Amendment After Final

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment should be entered in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116 on the grounds that: (1) The claims as now presented are in better form for appeal purposes, if necessary; (2) no new issues have been raised; (3) and, moreover, the present amendment is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants have responded in a fully satisfactory manner to all matters at issue in this Application, and that this Application is now in condition for allowance. In this regard, Applicants have made every effort to comply with the requirements set forth in the Final Office Action as well as the statutory requirements. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow the pending claims and pass the Application to issue. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 433-7570.

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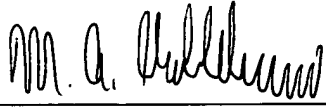
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Prompt and favorable consideration of this response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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